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1. ON MAY 7, POLADS HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF NETHERLANDS
SUGGESTION TO USE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE TO DEFINE AREA WITHIN
USSR TO WHICH CBMS WOULD APPLY.

2. UK REP DOUBTED SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO NOTIFY MILITARY
MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS SOUTH OF 60 DEG NORTH LATITUDE AND NOTED
THE "ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THIS AND IDEA OF NOTIFYING
SOUTH OF 50 DEG. IF ALLIES DECIDED TO ADVAN E LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE
DEFINITIONS, HE SUGGESTED INTERMEDIATE FALL-BACK POSITIONS
BETWEEN 60 DEG N - 35DEG E AND 50 DEG N - 40 DEG E. ALSO, WE SHOULD
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HAVE A CLEARER DEFINITION OF THE EUROPEAN RUSSIA'S EASTERN
LIMIT THAN JUST THE URALS. LONDON CONTINUED TO FAVOR A BAND
700 KM OR POSSIBLY 500 KM WIDE FROM THE WESTERN SOVIET
BORDER WITHIN WHICH PRIOR NOTIFICATION WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. TURKISH REP CONTINUED TO FAVOR BAND FOR DEFINITION. NORWEGIAN REP NOTED THAT NEITHER DUTCH SET OF LATITUDES AND LONGITUDES WOULD COMPLETELY COVER THE KOLA PENINSULA. OSLO WOULD WANT THIS AREA COVERED IN A CBM AGREEMENT AND WANTED THE NOTIFICATION AREA ROUGHLY AS WIDE ON THE FLANKS AS IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

3. FRG REP SUPPORTED UK ON IDEA OF MORE THAN ONE FALL-BACK POSITION. BONN CONTINUED TO PREFER DEFINITION BY MILITARY DISTRICTS. THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM OF CHANGES IN MD BOUNDARIES COULD BE OVERCOME. PERHAPS CBM ZONES COULD BE DEFINED BY A COMBINATION OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE AND MD'S.

4. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED THAT DUTCH SUGGESTION DID NOT APPEAR ADEQUATELY TO COVER FLANKS, BUT POLADS, WOULD KEEP OPEN THE IDEAS OF LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE, BANDS AND MD'S FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK. MCAULIFFE

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